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Requirements

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in our Vascular Surgery Fellowship. There are several policies and criteria that we must apply to program applicants. Because of our program type, we are limited in the range of applicants we select. To determine if your training and background fit our criteria, please review the following information carefully.

ACGME Eligibility

The ACGME Vascular Surgery Fellowship Program requirements are specific to prerequisite education and training. Because we are operating as an Independent Program, applicants must first meet one of the following criteria to be considered for entry into our program (the following is excerpted from ACGME Vascular Surgery Requirements approved but not in effect until 2016).

Vascular Surgery education in the independent form must be 24 months in length [Int. C.2.]. All required clinical education for entry into ACGME-accredited fellowship programs must be completed in an ACGME-accredited residency program, or in an RCPSC-accredited or CFPC-accredited residency program located in Canada [III.A.2.]. Fellowship programs must receive verification of each entering fellow’s level of competency in the required field using ACGME or CanMEDS Milestones assessments from the core residency program [III.A.2.a]). To be eligible for appointment to an independent program, residents must have successfully completed an ACGME-accredited residency program in surgery [III.A.2.d.].

The following criteria are required as per the Graduate Medical Education, University of Minnesota (per the Institution Eligibility and Selection of Residents/Fellows Policy):

   Fellowship program applicants must also provide their program with documentation of the following of a passing score on USMLE Step 3 or an equivalent examination that qualifies for medical licensure (i.e., Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination-COMLEX)
the following criteria per the Institution Eligibility and Selection of Residents/Fellows Policy):

1. Graduation from a medical school outside the United States, Canada, or Puerto Rico with one of the following:
   a. A current valid certificate from the Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), OR
   b. An unrestricted license or residency permit to practice medicine in Minnesota, OR
   c. Successful completion of a Fifth Pathway Program in an LCME accredited medical school in the United States.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us by emailing me at santi002@umn.edu or calling our office, 612-625-1485.

Sincerely,

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NOTE Full vascular surgery program requirements are posted to the ACGME website at www.acgme.org. See also, http://www.med.umn.edu/gme/applicants/home.html.